

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Support for the amendment to claim 9 is found at page 11, line 7 of the application as filed. Support for new claim 17 is found at page 11, lines 20 to 13.

The rejection of claims 9-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (second paragraph) for indefiniteness is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendments.

The rejection of claims 9-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (second paragraph) for omitting essential steps is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendments.

In view of the foregoing, applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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